

**REMARKS**

Claims 17-29 are pending. In response to the Office's Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed April 15, 2004, Applicants submit the above amendments correcting the amendment filed March 16, 2004. The above amendment includes reference to claims 1-16 and 30-38 previously canceled in the preliminary amendment filed on November 12, 2002. Beyond noting the cancelled claims, this submission does not add any further amendments to the amendments filed on March 16, 2004.

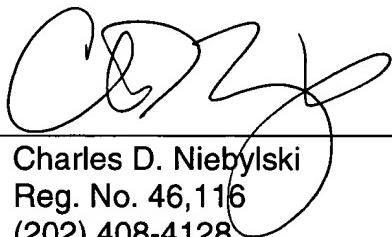
In view of the above submission, Applicants respectfully request that the Office enter the above amendments and consider them and the remarks submitted on March 16, 2004. Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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